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Dear Parade Applicant:

On Saturday, July 4, 2015, the City of Fairfax will be presenting, through the Parks & Recreation Department and the Independence Day Celebration Committee, their 49th Independence Day Parade. We are pleased to provide your organization with a parade application and a copy of the rules and regulations. The deadline to return the parade application is April 1, 2015.

The following instructions will help you complete the parade application form. **Submitting an application does not guarantee acceptance to participate in the parade.** All applications will be reviewed by the Independence Day Celebration Committee (IDCC). Applicants will be notified of entry status in May 2015.

Step 1 – Fill in the appropriate information.

Step 2 - Participant Categories - please mark the correct units within your group that will be marching in the parade; there is no limit to the number selected. If you have multiple categories, please indicate on a separate sheet of paper which units go with which categories and the order of line-up within your organization. Please note: Marching Unit/Adult must have participants in uniform or costume in order to be considered for participation. Also, all vehicles, floats and bicycles must be decorated.

Step 2A – Non-Judged Categories – if none of the categories in Step 2 match the unit(s) you are entering in the parade, chances are your group is considered a non-judged category (beauty queen or operative fire and rescue apparatus). Please mark the correct entry and proceed to Step 4.

Step 3 – Judging Categories – Choose one category to be judged from the ones you selected in Step 2 above. If you selected **five or more** participant categories from Step 2, you may choose two categories in which to be judged.

Step 4 – In order to provide the IDCC Selection Committee, the Parade MC and the Parade Television Announcers with the most current information about your group or organization, please complete the detailed group/organization information on the reverse side of the application. The parade will be televised on Channel 12. Take this opportunity to blow your own horn or for those musically inclined sing your own praises!

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mitzi Taylor at 703/385-1710 or via email at mitzi.taylor@fairfaxva.gov.

Sincerely,

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City of Fairfax Parks & Recreation
Events/Facilities Superintendent

Enclosures